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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND Civil Division

Janine Wise)	
3110 Saint Lukes Lane)	
Gwynn Oak, MD 21207)	
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Plaintiff,)	
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v.)	Case No.: C-03-CV-19-004680
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Dennis Lee Umbrell)	
178 Milton Grove Road South	ď	
Elizabethtown, PA 17022).	
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Umbrell Trucking, LLC	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
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Elizabethtown, PA 17022	.)	
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COMPLAINT AND JURY DEMAND

COMES NOW, Plaintiff Janine Wise, by and through her attorneys, John J. Yannone,
Arren T. Waldrep, and Price Benowitz, LLP, and hereby files this Complaint against Defendants
Dennis Umbrell, and Umbrell Trucking, LLC, and in support thereof states as follows:

PARTIES

- 1. Plaintiff Janine Wise ("Wise") is an adult resident of Maryland, residing at 3110 Saint Lukes Lane, Gwynn Oak, MD 21207.
- 2. Defendant Dennis Umbrell ("Umbrell") is an adult resident and domiciliary of Pennsylvania residing at 178 Milton Grove Road South, Elizabethtown, PA 17022.

EXHIBIT 2

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3. Defendant Umbrell Trucking, LLC ("Umbrell Trucking") is a corporation which is registered to do business, and which does conduct business, in the State of Pennsylvania with a principal place of business at 796 Hereford Road, Elizabethtown, PA 17022, Upon information and belief, and at all times relevant hereto; Defendant Umbrell was an agent, servent, and/or employes of Defendant Umbrell Trucking and was carrying out his affairs for the benefit of Defendant Umbrell Trucking.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 4. This action arises out of an automobile collision that took place on March 29, 2018, on Interstate 695 in Baltimore County.
- 5. Maryland is the proper venue, pursuant to MD. Cope Ann., CTS, & Jud. Proc. §6-202(8), as the aforementioned cause of action arose in Baltimore County, Maryland.
- Subject matter jurisdiction of this Court is invoked pursuant to MD, Code ANN.,
 CTS. & JUD. PROC. §§1-501, 4-402, et seq., as Plaintiff is seeking damages in excess of \$30,000.
- 7. Pursuant to Maryland Rule 2-305 Plaintiff is seeking damages in excess of \$75,000.00.
- 8. Personal jurisdiction of this Court is invoked pursuant to MD. CODE ANN., CTs. & Jud. Proc. §6-103 as the cause of action arose in the State of Maryland:
 - 9. Plaintiff hereby demands a jury trial on the allegations below.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

10. On March 29, 2018, Plaintiff was traveling on Interstate 695, at or near the Exit onto Falls Road, slowed for traffic.

- At approximately 10/10 a.m. on the aforementioned date, Defendant Umbreil was 11. operating a 2002 KW Trailer Truck, owned by Defendant Umbrell Trucking, on Interstate 695, at or near the Exit onto Palls Road, directly behind Plaintiff's vehicle.
- 12. Suddenly and without warning, Defendant Umbrell failed to pay full time and attention, failed to slow down, and violently struck the rear of Plaintiff's vehicle, causing. significant injury to her person.
- At all times relevant hereto, Defendant Umbrell, operated his vehicle in a dangerous 13. and unsafe manner, failed to control the speed of his vehicle on a highway to avoid a collision, failed to properly and timely bring his vehicle to a stop to avoid a collision, was driving a vehicle in a careless and improdent manner endangering property, life, and person, and suddenly and without warning, caused a collision with Plaintiff's vehicle.
- As a result of impact from the collision, Plaintiff was thrown about the interior of 14. her vehicle, causing her immediate, severe, permanent and significant injuries, including, but not limited to, her neck, arm, back and shoulders.
 - 15. Plaintiff did not cause or contribute to the subject collision.
- At all times relevant hereto, Defendant Umbrell was the actual and/or apparent 16. agent of Defendant Umbrell Trucking, and was acting on behalf of, and for the benefit of, Defendent Umbrell Trucking.

COUNT I: Negligence (Defendant Dennis Umbrell)

- Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference all of the facts and allegations of 17. the aforementioned paragraphs as if fully set forth herein, and further alleges:
- At all times relevant hereto, Defendant Umbrell had a duty to act reasonably and to 18. use due care while operating his vehicle.

- 19. In particular, Defendant Umbrell had a duty to, inter alia, pay full time and attention, maintain proper and adequate control of his vehicle, stop in time to avoid a collision, and obey the laws and rules of the State of Maryland,
- 18. Defendant Umbrell breached that duty of care, and the above-mentioned collision was caused by the recklossness, carelessness, and/or negligence of Defendant Umbreil, in that Defendant, among other acts and omissions:
 - a. Failed to stop in time in order to avoid a collision;
 - b. Failed to exercise reasonable due care and precaution in the operation of his motor vehicle under the circumstances then and there existing;
 - c. Failed to see what there was to be seen;
 - d. Failed to reduce the speed of the vehicle he was operating in time to avoid a collision with Plaintiff's vehicle;
 - e. Failed to use due care and precaution and to maintain adequate control of his vehicle;
 - f. Pailed to obey the laws and statutes of the State of Maryland; and
 - g. Was otherwise negligent, in other respects not now known to Plaintiff but which may become known prior to and/or at the time of trial,
- .19. A reasonably prodent person in Defendant Umbrell's position would not have struck Plaintiff's vehicle.
- 20. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant Umbrell's negligent conduct in the operation of his vehicle, Plaintiff sustained severe, significant and permanent injuries.
- 21, As a direct and proximate result of the negligence and carelessness of Defendant Umbrell, Plaintiff has suffered, and will continue to suffer; severe and permanent physical injuries;

great physical pain; severe, substantial and permanent emotional distress and mental auguish; and a diminished capacity for the enjoyment of life.

- As a direct and proximate result of the negligence and carelessness of Defendant 22. Umbrell, Plaintiff has undergone and will continue to undergo substantial medical treatment, and has incurred and will continue to incur; substantial medical costs and related expenses to alleviate her injuries, pain and suffering; lost earnings; lost employment opportunities; loss of time and enjoyment from her customary leisure, and recreational activities; an impairment of her customary normal activities of daily living, employment, leisure, and recreational activities; and otherwise. was hurt, injured and caused to sustain losses.
- Plaintiff's losses and damages were directly and proximately caused by the aforementioned negligence of Defendant Umbrell and were incurred without any negligence on the part of the Plaintiff contributing thereto.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Janine Wise demands a jury trial, judgment from and against Defendant Dennis Lee Umbrell, for a sum in Excess of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), plus pre and post-judgment interest, costs and attorney's fees as this Honorable Court deems necessary and appropriate.

COUNT II: Agoncy (Defendant Umbrell Trucking)

- Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference all of the facts and allegations of the aforementioned paragraphs as if fully set forth herein and further alleges:
- At all times relevant hereto, Defendant Umbrell Trucking was the employer of Defendant Umbreli.
- Defendant Umbrell Trucking gave express permission and direction to Defendant 26. Umbrell to operate, use, and control the motor vehicle described above on March 29, 2018;

- 27. Upon information and belief, at all times relevant hereto, including March 29, 2018, Defendant Umbrell was acting as the agent, and/or servant of Defendant Umbrell Trucking, and Defendant Umbrell was operating the motor vehicle pursuant to Defendant Umbrell Trucking's order and/or direction, and Defendant Umbrell was carrying out the affairs for the benefit of Defendant Umbrell Trucking.
- 28. As the principal for Defendant Umbrell, Defendant Umbrell Trucking is responsible for all of the acts and/or omissions committed by Defendant Umbrell, who was Defendant Umbrell Trucking's actual and/or apparent agent, servant, employed, and/or independent contractor acting within the course and scope of his actual and/or apparent agency and/or employment under the doctrine of vicarious liability and/or respondent superior.
- 29. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence of Defendant Umbrell, Plaintiff has suffered and will continue to suffer severe, debilitating physical injuries, and severe substantial emotional distress and mental anguish, and a diminished capacity for the enjoyment of life.
- 30. As a further result of the negligence and carelessness of Defendant Umbrell, Plaintiff has incurred, and will continue to incur, substantial medical and related expenses to alleviate her injuries, pain and suffering, lost wages, lost employment opportunity, loss of time and enjoyment from her customery leisure and recreational activities, and impairment of her customery leisure and recreational activities.
- 31. All of Plaintiff's losses and domages were directly and proximately caused by the aforementioned negligence of Defendant Umbrell and were incurred without contributory negligence or assumption of the risk on the part of Plaintiff and without an opportunity for Plaintiff to avoid the accident.

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WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Janine Wise demands a jury trial, judgment from and against Defendant Umbrell Trucking, LLC, for a sum in excess of Seventy-Pive Thousand (\$75,000;00) Dollars plus pre and post-judgment interest, costs and attorney's fees as this Honorable Court deems necessary and appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff hereby demands trial by jury.

RULE 1-313 CERTIFICATE

I certify that I am admitted to the practice of law in the State of Maryland, that my Maryland bar status is current and active, and that my District of Columbia office is located at the address listed above.

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Date	John J hanne, Esq
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Date	Arren T. Waldrep, Esq.

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